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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Award Ceremony for [ ] and Robert Kee

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

2. The Staff of the Suggestion Awards Committee recommends an appropriate ceremony to honor [ ] DDC/OL and Mr. Robert Kee, Department of Navy. The facts leading to this recommendation are as follows:

a. [ ] and Mr. Kee developed the SCANALINE, an exposure control device for use on the Walnut System microfilm cameras. This invention optically scans the document prior to exposure and measures separately the average luminance of the lines, the text, and the background. These measurements enable the operator to vary the illumination until the desired values are indicated and thus produce microfilm images of a far greater uniformity than is possible with any other apparatus available.

b. Professionally, this invention was of such significance that [ ] was asked to present his published paper entitled "The New Techniques for Microfilm Exposure Control" to the National Microfilm Association meeting in April 1962.

c. An important consideration in calculating the \$1,500 Suggestion Award for these men was a statement of [ ] a Chief at the Bureau of Census which built the SCANALINE. He said that if these suggesters had not reduced their idea to practice at a cost of \$15,000 for the first model and \$6,700 for the next one, it would have cost Census more than \$250,000 to contract the project out to private industry.

d. This Agency applied for and obtained a patent for this invention.

e. In July 1963 Colonel White presented [ ] with his share (75%) of the award. A CIA check for Mr. Kee's share (25%) was forwarded to the Department of Navy.

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f. Our Suggestion Awards Committee also recommended that the information about this device be circulated to other Government Agencies in order to extract maximum benefits for the government and to obtain any additional awards for these inventors, should additional benefits accrue to the using agencies.

g. The U. S. Army Electronics Command adopted this suggestion and rated the suggestion Extraordinary with General Application. They transferred to this Agency the Sum of \$750 to be presented to the suggesters on their behalf. CIA, meantime, obtained the final patent papers (#3202042) which entitles these men to an Invention Award of \$75.

3. We now have in hand a check for [ ] for \$532.12 (75% of the U. S. Army award and of the invention award - less withholding tax) and a check made out to the U. S. Navy for \$206.25 (25% of these awards which will be reissued to Mr. Kee.)

4. Your approval is requested for us to arrange a presentation ceremony, with you presiding and for us to invite the following official guests in addition to the families of [ ] and Mr. Kee: Mr. Francis Borden, U. S. Army Electronics Command, Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey; Mr. Jerry Mason, Chief, Incentive Awards Branch, Department of the Army; Mr. George E. Joseph, Administrator, Navy Incentive Awards Program; and Mr. John D. Roth, Director, Federal Incentive Awards Program, Civil Service Commission.

If you concur, we will of course have the Office of Security obtain the necessary clearances as is done for the Honor and Merit Awards Ceremonies.

[ ]  
Alternate Chairman  
Suggestion Awards Committee

APPROVED:

SIGNED R. L. Bannerman  
Deputy Director for Support

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Mr. Bannerma

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[redacted] was assigned to work with [redacted]  
[redacted] on the WALNUT project. In looking for  
ways to satisfy requirements, he went to the Bureau  
of the Census where research work is done by  
Census employees when they are not taking the census.  
There [redacted] met Mr. Kee who was a civilian  
employee of the Bureau of the Census. Kee helped him  
develop what he needed for the WALNUT project.  
Before the award was granted Kee had moved to the  
Department of the Navy as a civilian employee. He  
has never been associated with the Agency in an  
employee status.

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